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AVERAGE AND PROBABILITY.

129. Proposed by J. K. ELLWOOD, Principal of Colfax School, Pittsburg, Qa.

A and B play with two dice, A throwing. If he throws 7 or 11, he wins; if he throws 3, or two aces, or two sixes, B wins. But if he throws 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, or 10, he continues throwing to duplicate this throw, in which event he wins; if in throwing, however, he throws 7, B wins. What is the expectancy of each? [This is the regulation "crap" game, B being banker.]

130. Proposed by L. C. WALKER, A. M., Professor of Mathematics, Petaluma High School, Petaluma. Cal.

Four points are taken at random on the surface of a given sphere; show that the average volume of the tetraedron formed by the planes passing through the points taken three and three, is 1-35 of the volume of the given sphere.

NOTES.

Dr. Halsted's article on Non-Euclidean Geometry which was to appear in the March issue of Everybody's Magazine has been unavoidably delayed, so says the editor of that Magazine. But the article is now in type and will soon appear in print.

The mathematicians of the Pacific coast held a meeting in San Francisco on May 3, and organized the second section of the American Mathematical Society, to be known as the Pacific Section. Professor Irving Stringham of California University was elected chairman, and Professor G. A. Miller of Stanford University secretary. The section will hold two meetings per year—in May and December—in or near San Francisco.

The article in the April number of The Monthly on "The Betweenness Assumptions" has called forth some noteworthy comments. Dr.E. H. Moore, of the University of Chicago, writes Dr. Halsted: "I have received from you the April number of THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL MONTHLY, containing the proof by Mr. R. L. Moore of the redundancy of Hilbert's Axiom II 4. The proof is certainly delightfully simple." Dr. Moore is so impressed therewith that he has written also to Mr. R. L. Moore: "I read with much interest, the other day, your proof of the redundancy of Hilbert's Axiom II 4, in his system I, II, as exhibited by Professor Halsted in the current number of THE AMERICAN MATHE-MATICAL MONTHLY. Today I received from Professor Halsted a copy of that number. This is in response to a letter I sent him a week or so ago stating that I should be pleased to receive for publication in the Transactions the delightfully simple proof of the redundancy of which he wrote to me. I certainly agree with him in this estimate of your proof. * * * I remain with considerable interest in the progress of your mathematical career. Yours very truly, E. H. Moore."